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AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted as being fully responsive to the outstanding office action mailed August 1, 2001. Please amend the application as set forth herebelow.

In the specification:

Page 3, line 15, rewrite " _____ " as -- 6,187,347 --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 4 without prejudice and amend claims 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 as set forth herebelow. Claims 5, 7 and 11 continue in the case.

6. (amended) The [A] method of arresting the flow of blood as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said oxyacid salt is taken from the group consisting of:

alkali and alkaline salts;

oxyacid salts of transition elements;

halogen oxyacids; and

alkali and alkaline oxides, peroxides and superoxides.